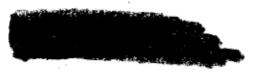
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY



BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

ELP Docket No. 2546-99 3 September 1999



Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 1 September 1999. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 20 May 1971 for three years at age 19. The record reflects that you served without incident until 19 August 1971 when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for misbehavior as a sentinel. However, you were subsequently advanced to PFC (E-2).

On 15 March 1972 you were convicted by summary court-martial of a 31 day period of unauthorized absence (UA), from 12 January to 11 February 1972. You were sentenced to a reduction in rank to PVT (E-1). However, you were again advanced to PFC on 1 September 1972.

The record further reflects that you participated in operations in Vietnam while attached to VMCJ-1 DET 101 from March 1972 to February 1973.

On 27 August 1973 you were reported UA and you remained absent until you surrendered to military authorities on 6 March 1974. On 19 April 1974 you submitted a request for an undesirable